

## **FISCAL UPDATE News Article**

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## **IPERS ACTUARIAL VALUATION REPORT**

**Report.** The July 1, 2015, actuarial valuation for IPERS (Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System) was prepared by Cavanaugh Macdonald.

**Contribution Rates.** The contribution rates for FY 2017 for the Regular membership and for the Protection Occupation membership did not change from the prior year.

- **Regular Membership** 5.95% employee contribution rate and 8.93% employer contribution rate. The funded ratio is 82.7% compared to 81.7% the prior year. The total unfunded actuarial liability is \$5,448.7 million.
- **Protection Occupation** 6.56% employee contribution rate and 9.84% employer contribution rate. The funded ratio is 101.3% compared to 100.1% the prior year. There is no unfunded actuarial liability but rather a surplus of \$17.4 million.

**Sheriffs and Deputies.** The contribution rate for the Sheriffs and Deputies membership decreased by 0.25% for both the employee and employer contribution rates. The employee contribution rate will be 9.63% and the employer contribution rate will be 9.63%. The current funded ratio is 96.0% compared to 94.8% the prior year. The total unfunded actuarial liability is \$23.6 million.

**Valuation Report**. The actuarial value of assets for the system as a whole totaled \$27,915.4 million, an increase of approximately \$1,455.0 million compared to the prior year. The unfunded actuarial liability for the system as a whole is \$5,454.9 million, a decrease of approximately \$89.0 million compared to the prior year. The current aggregate funded ratio for IPERS is 83.7%, an increase from 82.7% the prior year.

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